GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PASSENGERS AND CARGO TRAFFIC AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the capacity of most of the airports in the country are under-utilised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the actual passenger and cargo traffic handled by each of the under-utilised airports in each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for optimum utilisation of these airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Majority of the airports are fully utilized. In any case, airport capacities are built with a futuristic horizon. It is possible that at some airports present passenger/Cargo handling is less than the terminal capcity planned for saturation at later dates.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government have laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines requiring all domestic scheduled operators to deploy minimum specified capacities on routes to North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep islands and on non-trunk routes. In addition concessional airport charges such as parking and housing charges are levied at non-metro airports to incentivise air operations at such airports.